

Membership in the Club is now 148. Welcome to Scott [KE0TEN]; awaiting receipt of dues are Dean [N4NLT], Jeffery [KM6TVJ] and Kerry [W4KEJ].

- Bob [KK4XA] gave the Health and Welfare report for Charles [K4BAL] who was absent. Charles is recovering from back surgery and appears to be doing well. He still has some health issues which should be resolved in the next month or two. Please keep Charles and any other folks in your thoughts and prayers.
- Bob [KK4XA] reported for the Training and Education Committee saying the Technician Class license course of study will commence on November 12. The class will be held strictly on Zoom Video Conferencing with classes in session at 1900 ET.
- Mike [K4MJF], Net Manager for the Club, noted the average number of check-ins for the Thursday Evening Net is twenty-seven and a half (27.5) for the last eight (8) weeks. The Club could use a few more Net Control Stations (NCS) for the Thursday Evening Net and the KK4XA Morning Net. If you are interested, please contact Mike at his email address on <https://www.qrz.com/>.
- Kurt [KC4NX] told the Club members that the repeaters are operating as expected. NOTE: The link between the VHF and the UHF repeaters of the Club is operational only during the nets on the 146.655-MHz repeater.
- Although not in attendance, Jordan [NA4WX] told Andrew problems with the website, including the “Join Zoom” radio button link at the Club website for Club meetings, have been corrected.
- Greg [K4HMS] told the group the National Weather Service office in Morristown, TN, (on Commerce Blvd) will host an open house on November 02 from 1000 to 1400 ET. All are welcome to attend.
- Andrew asked for any unfinished business. There was none.
- New business item(s) for the Club:
 1. The time is nigh for a Financial Review committee. The Club extends thanks to Kelley [KR4FK], Hal [WB4E] and Joel [N4JHS] for volunteering again. [The three did a bang-up job with the 2023 financial review for the Club – *ed.*]
 2. A proposal was made to reduce the dues of the Club for the 2025 year from \$30.00 to \$20.00. Also, there will be no PayPal surcharge to a member for using the service to pay online. The Club will absorb the small charge from PayPal. The family rate will also reduce to \$20.00 per year. Craig [NW1A] made a motion to set the dues rate for 2025 at \$20.00; a second came from Scott [KE0TEN]. After a short discussion, the motion to set the 2025 dues for the Club at \$20.00 was passed by the majority of those in attendance and on Zoom Video Conference.
 3. A \$100.00 deposit has been made to Regal Towers, Maryville, TN, for the Club Christmas Party and reserving 2024 December 14, a Saturday. The time for the event is to be determined.
 4. With regards to the Christmas Party, Mike [K4MJF] researched the possibility of catering the party instead the Club providing meat(s) and all sides being “pot luck.” Mike contacted Cracker Barrel and told the audience that the cost per 10 people runs between \$108 and \$ 180 depending

upon what type and how many meat products and whether two (2) or three (3) sides. Biscuits, cornbread and dressing are included.

Steve [K4DXV] mentioned that between 40% and 45% of the membership attend the Christmas Party.

Bob [KK4XA] made a motion to charge each “mouth” (person) in attendance at the Christmas Party \$10.00 with a cutoff date/time of 2024 November 30/2359 ET to sign up. Any residual monies owed over \$10.00 would be paid by the Club. David [N1ESK] seconded the motion. Since a discussion had already occurred, the motion to charge \$10.00 per person with any charge over that amount would be paid by the Club was passed by the majority of those in attendance and on Zoom Video Conference.

- Andrew declared the business portion of the SMARC 2024 October 28 meeting adjourned at 1958 ET. A break occurred until 2010 ET.
- The presentation for the meeting was by Karin [*last name?*] from RT Systems. Karin described the software for programming many different models of radios and gave a demonstration of how to do it. As a thank you to the Club for allowing RT Systems to speak to the Club, Karin and RT Systems are giving the membership and friends of the membership a 10% discount on any of the RT Systems products, good until 2024 November 27. There is no limit to the number purchases. The code at checkout is SMARC24. Thank you, Karin and RT Systems, on behalf of the Club.

The 2024 October 28 meeting of SMARC ended at 2050 ET. Thank you to all in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by SMARC Secretary,

Bob Loving [K9JU]

P.S.: Don't forget the KK4XA Morning Net, Monday through Thursday at 0900 ET, and the SMARC Weekly Thursday Evening Net at 1900 ET. Both nets are held on the W4OLB/R linked repeater system with Zoom Video Conference accompaniments.